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PULSE PRODUCTION IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether production of pulse is not sufficient in the country;

(b) if so, whether certain pulse varieties have completely changed and its production has increased;

(c) if so, the names of such pulse varieties and the areas where its production has increased; and

(d) the existing difference in its consumption and production and the quantity that is required to be imported?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The production of pulses falls little short of requirement. The production varies from year to year due to behaviour of monsoon.

(b) & (c): The research on pulses is conducted by Indian Institute of Pulses Research,Kanpur and other centers under Indian Councils of Agricultural Research (ICAR). ICARhas developed and released many Varieties of pulses during last three years. The list of these varieties is enclosed at annexure-I. The yield potential of released varieties ranges from 2.00 to 2.5 tonnes/ha, in case of Chickpea (Gram), Fieldpea and Pigeonpea (Arhar) and from 1.0 to 1.5 tonne/ha. in case of Green Gram(Moong) andBlack Gram (Urad). The maturity duration of different pulse Crops has also been reduced in many pulses crops which has helped in introduction of pulses in different cropping systems and seasons.

(d): The estimated production of pulses during the year 2001-02 is 13.8 million tonnes against the consumption requirement of 13.9 million tonnes. However the import of pulses is under Open General Licence(OGL) and no targets for import are fixed. Theimport depends on the demand of various varieties of pulses in the domestic market.